A QUESTION.

The emotional language of bees is one of the multifarious facts in insect life with which Sir John Lubbock has made the world familiar. "A tired bee," he says, "hums on E, and therefore only vibrates its wings 330 times in a second. A bee humming on A will, on the other hand, increase its vibrations to 440 per second. This difference is, probably, involuntary, but the change of tone is evidently under command of the will, and thus offers another point of similarity to a true 'voice.' A bee in pursuit of honey hums continually and contentedly on A, but if it is excited or augry it produces a different note. Thus, then," concludes Sir John,"the sounds of insects do not merely serve to bring the sexes together: they are not merely love songs,' but also serve, like any true lanage, to express the feelings." ow, suppose a fellow wanders in mmediate vicinity of a bee-hive. ov irritating the inhabitants id they begin to wag the executive end of their note will they hum a high chest C, or ulate over the minor fondles the arnica e eat his meals from table, or mantel-piece, hey are sitting down making oney? These are stirring questions which many of our readers would like to have settled before the bees hire out as regular harvest hands.

THE congress just convened have a vast amount of work before them, and if they stick to it there will not be much time left for the manufacture of political capital. For instance, there are on the house calendar, coming over from the last session, 125 bills of public interest, not involving appropriations; on the calendar of the committee of the whole, 230 bills by which money or land is appropriated; on the private calendar upwards of 400 private bills: on the speaker's table 200 public and private bills, which have passed the senate; on the senate calendar 190 senate bills and joint resolutions, and 71 house bills and resolutions; in conference committees at least one important measure - the Japanese indemnity fund bill; and in the hands of house committees 6,134 bills and joint resolutions, of which probably 5,000 will never be lteard of again. Now, this is an appalling record, even though two thirds of this projected legislation ought to be, as it will be, left unenacted. For many of these measures should be congress may be desirable, after all.

An eastern exchange, a strong truthfully says: The Isthmus schemes this in their hats. come up smiling to greet Congress next week. The house Foreign Affairs Committee reported a bill for Government guaranty, of three per cent on \$75,000,000 worth of bonds, for the Nicaruaga enterprise last Bean Hiller. That is to say, Bean summer, and Mr. Kasson, who fathers it, will try to put through early in the session. Capt. Eads and his friends are equally wide awake to the chance of making money out of this government and other people by a ship railroad. The United States can very well afford to keep its hands off. It either the canal or the railroad is sure to be such a good thing as their projectors prophesy, surely private capital can be secured by due effort. A Government guaranty of bonds would very likely mean ultimately partial or complete construction of the work by the Government.

THE census shows that the number of idiots and lunatics in the country s as large again as it appeared to be a year ago, and surprise is expressed in some quarters at this exhibit. Nothing has been brought out, however, to astomsh those who are familiar with the subject. The lack of positive and convincing evidence, on this point, is no doubt owing to the fact that a majority of men dislike to with the party, but our flag will be reveal their family secrets. But there is no question but that insanity is really on the increase. The statistics of those states which keep accurate records of admissions to and discharges from institutions, dis- host at \$8 a month, and no doubt thinguishing persons, from "cases," worked on the principle that "a short the board until it was urged upon are sufficient evidence of this fast, | horse is somest curried."

Netwithstanding the popular clamor against the present high rate of national taxation, the EPITAPH believes it would not be the part of wisdom for the Democrats to materially reduce the rate, especially if the reduction involved a cossation in paying off the national debt. An eastern exchange, on this question,

TAXATION.

Every politician who has spoken on the ubject since the last election has taken for granted that taxation must be re-Both parties cry for a cutting down of the national revenue, and why Not because either objects to spending the terprets the recent voting as meaning that the people will not pay so much for gov ernment as they have been paying for these many years. Each side is trying to curry popular favor by declaiming loudest in favor of this one policy, and neither ap-parently has a suspicion that it may pessibiv mistake the popular meaning.

Is this the sole lesson to be drawn from the elections of this fall-that the reduction of the debt must be stopped, and that no more expenditures are to be incurred for internal improvements? Are the people really so very auxious to escape from paying each a dollar or two more a year? Have they actually decided that the general government is to do nothing for the general welfare excepting the protection of frontier settlements from Indian raiders! The clamor for the reduction of taxation means that this is what the people want and what they will have. Are these wiseacres who pretend to know so much about the condition of the public mind quite sure of their

Why should there be such great anxiety to stop the further liquidation of the public deht? Is such a debt really a blessing that we should try to keep it on hand even when we are able to get rid of it? Would it not be better policy to pay it off as fast as we can conveniently, and so be in position to borrow on the best terms possible the next time we find ourselves in difficulties? Are we so very sure that we will not be confronted with the necessity of fighting for a generation to come? Who can say when national honor will require us to put our armies in the field and navies on the seas, and is not money, or the ability to borrow money, the sinews of war?

Another question: Ought we not to spend some money, now that we have a surplus revenue, in putting ourselves into defensive order? We have scarcely a fort or a gun worthy the name along our entire seaboard. We have no navy, and the pieayune appropaiation made at the last session of congress is not going to give us one. Would it not be a wise thing for us to remember the old maxim about preparing for war in time of neace, to this extent at least?

The politicians who think they are passed without delay. The honor of sure to humor popular desire when the government is involved in some they talk about cutting down the of them, the welfare of citizens and government revenue to the lowest fiety in more. Only part of these possible point, will surely find out ters could be finally disposed of their mistake if they persist in their the best, and when it is recollected now course. The people of these many prectous hours will beyond United States have no objection to h doubt be wasted in fillibuster | bearing the present load of taxation, on tariff and internal revenue but they do want to see some return s, the outlook is full of danger to for their money. They do object to democrats, not by what they may having it thrown into little mud pud but what will be left for them to dies or lost in the pockets of official A special session of the new jobbers, but if they see it applied to purposes that will make the country more prosperous and more respected they will pay cheerfully as long as Republican one, by the way, very is necassary. Let congressmen paste

> The New York Graphic is somewhat sareastic, but humorous, when it says: "Governor-elect Cleveland is reported to be, or to have been, a Hill is the classic locality in Cornecticut where it îs claimed he was born. And now the baked bean should be- the United States of 3 per cent per come the diet of every patriotic demcerat, while the bean pot will undoubtedly be the democratic emblem which will figure in the next campaign. We have had hard-cider campaigns, railsplitter's and tanser's -why not a baked bean and brown bread campaign, with bean-pot g sards, wearing hats a la 'Hub.' It on the Nicaruaga project. would be picturesque; it would appeal to the popular heart-and stomnch. Then in March, 1885, other candidates may sigh, as they witness Grover Cleveland's inauguration, "It might have been!"

No, we prefer to fight the battle out on principle. The EPITAPH is neither a supplicant nor a mendicant. We had rather be a dog and "hav the moon," than make a fight and when we lose, beg and plead of our clotors for support. If democracy cannot win, we will go down mailed at the masthead. No contribudon plate in ours.

I be now said that Ireland, governor clost of Texas, started in life as a

NEW METHOD OF SELECTING

It has long been evident to the most casual observer of our political system that the present method of electing our presidents is open to grave objections. More than that, it is actually fraught with danger, as the threatened perils attending the settlement of the Tiiden-Haves muddle proved. To recognize an evil is one thing, but to suggest a fair, honest and just remedy is another; and this is a case that calls for the serious contemplation and study of our ablest statesmen and profound jurists. Among the many methods projected the latest, by Frank Pixley, in the Argonaut, is not without its good qualities. It is as follows:

Our suggestion is this: So amend the only government officials elected by the people shall be members of Congress. Let the senate of the United States—elected as now—together with the members of the representatives, meet each two years in joint convention and elect an executive officer, without the power of veto and without the power of appointing a cabinet. He shall nominate the lead ing officials as now, to be confirmed by the houses in joint convention. There shall not be a hundred thousand officials, throughout the nation, crawling on their bellies in abject terror of this executive shape. Subordinate officials shall hold office for life or good behavior. The chairman of the committie on foreign af-fairs, in the senate, shall be secretary of state, because to his body is entrusted treaty-making power. The chairman of the finance committee, in the house of representatives, shall be secretary of the inancial bills, and from it comes the money-spending and taxing power of the government. Secretaries of war, navy and interior should be chosen from the con-gress with reference to their fitness and qualifications The attorney-general should be chosen for his learning in the law. Vacancies on the supreme bench should be filled by executive appointment, and when the individual has been once president, he should be forever barred from the executive office. This is simple. It is the way we elect the president of a business corporation. The stockholders elect, from their body, directors or trustees. The trustees choose, from their number, a president. Then, putting their heads together, they appoint committees, and assign to them the detail of work, to be supervised by the directors sitting as a committee of the whole. The people are the stockholders. The members of congress are the chosen directors, and they elect one of themselves

It strikes us that the main ob jection to this method is that it does not do away with one of the greatest evils attending the selection of a president. The same jobbery, trickery and fraud, the same undue excitement disarranging our business interests and retarding the advancement of leading industries and manufactures, the same black pool of politics would be stirred up in the election of legislatures and congressmen that the country now endures at our quarennial elections. For the legislatures would elect the senators and the people would elect the congressmen, who together would select a president. And would it be more economical? Would the machinery attending such a selection be as cumbersome and expensive as the present method? It is not so much a matter of dollars and cents with the people, as it is simplicity, absence of fraud and the occupation of the executive chair by a man who is the choice of the people. As before stated, this is a grave question, and it may be bye and bye we, as a nation, may become republican in practice as we are in theory, and elect our senators and presidents as we do other officers by the direct vote of the people.

MR. BLAINE retains his interest in Central and South 'American affairs, in spite of the disastrous failure of his "brilliant foreign policy," to a sufficient extent to lead him to tell an Eastern reporter that no "more extraordinary proposition" was ever advanced than that of the House Foreign Affairs Committee "to expend \$75,000,000" for the construction of the Nicaruaga canal, The ex-Premier senses the situation precisely. The proposed guaranty by annum for twenty years on \$75,000,-000 worth of canal bonds means the construction of the canal at the expense of the tax-payers of this country, nothing less. But it would be interesting to know whether Mr. Blaine is "in" with De Lesseps or Eads, that he bears down so severely

An English writer in a late magazine tells the following truths: "Many social droppings are owing to the offices of mutual friends, who make accusations of which the accused never hear. In social courts the case is tried in the prisoner's absence, and he is never aware of the charge nor of the fuct that there is any indictment against him. He is rarely, if ever, represented at his trial, although there are generally plenty of counsel for the prosecution, and his sentence is carried out before he knows that it has been pro-

THE resolution passed by the board of supervisors, asking for proposals for bids, was introduced by the advice of the district attorney. It was a subject never broached in them by their legal adviser.

OUR evening contemporary, in referring to the aspirations of an old friend, says: "Hon. A. E. Fay is looming up prominently as a candidate for chief clerk of the house. Mr. Fay is well and favorably known sell the Tribune a story?" he conthroughout the territory, is familiar with the duties of clerk, having served one term in the legislature, where he made an honorable record. and as a democrat will probably be chosen for the position, we know of no better or more deserving one than Fay." All of which we concur in Fay will make a good clerk. He is familiar with the duties of the office. and possesses the natural ability to perform them. Therefore we are in favor of Fay for chief clerk of the

What a reporter won't do, to get news for his paper, is yet to be discovered. The Rochester Post-Express says that an Auburn reporter, hard up for an item, held a match be tween his teeth while the marksman of the Buffalo Bill combination shot it away at twenty paces. It was evidently a funeral or an item, and the

Or American politics Mrs. Langtry savs: "Oh, ves, I am interested in politics, but I must confess I don't half understand about it, it all seems so mixed up." That is what it seems treasury, because in its body originates all to a great many people who have been here longer than has Mrs. Langtry.

> RHODE ISLAND demands a rectification of the boundary line between itself and Massachusetts, whereby the former would add 340 acres to its domain. Rhode Island is ambitious. Perhaps it wants to add a spare room to its accommodations, so to speak, in order that it may have a place where it can invite a friend to stay

> > A Practical View.

"De ole man Saunders an' his wife war ober to see me las' nite," said Brother Gardner, as a hush fell upon the multitude. "I recken dey didn't for him." feel 'zactly easy in deir minds. Somebody in de church had bin tellin' 'em dat it was an awful sin to dance. When dey axed my advice on de subjeck, I answered same as have answered all others. A religun which won't let a man walk frew a quadrille to de soun' of music am weak somewhar. A religun which rolls off a pusson's shoulders de minit he begins to laugh or sing or right?" kick up his heels won't take him to de sort ob heaben I want to go to.

"An' when de ole man axed me if olayin' keerds was gwine to consign his soul to perdishun, I had de same had her face with her? Such stories answer dat I gave you las' y'ar. I do not possess the fidelity to nature wouldn't advise any of you to take a that should ever characterize the pack of keerds in your coat-tail work of genius. No, my genial impocket and sot out to win all de beer you could drink, an' this powerful journal on the side of I wouldn't advise a lady to call any such young man as your story de hostler in from de ba'n depicts. We were once young and to try and beat him out of his up to the apple-tree racket ourselves." month's wages; but when I am told dat religion forbids me to sot down ing for the doer. euchre wid my ole woman or a naybur, I mus' look upon it as a sort of lower-deck ideah.

"When de ole man axed me if I thought he could go to de theatre an' squeeze into heaben to, I had de same answer I shall allus have. A Christian, who can't set frew a play widout feelin' Satan tuggin' at his coat tails, had better lock hisself up in a bank vault an' forgit de combinashun.I take de ole woman an'sail to de theatre 'bout twice a month, and I can't reckelect that our guilty conscience hab kept us awake or made us ashamed to go into church nex'

Sunday. "I want a religun, my friends, dat kin stan' temptashun. I want one dat kin meet satan at the doah of a circus an' knock him colder than a wedge. I want one dat will let me play euchre an' yet keep me from cheatin'. I want one dat will go wid me to de theatres an' enjoy what am good an' condemn what am bad. I want a religion widout any dyspepsia or liber complaint in thropist. it. If it am de sort ob a religion dat a dance am gwine to peel off, I want to know it in time to look for a kind that will stick by me frew thick an' thin. A pusson who am afeard dat de minit he begins to smile his religion will begin to crack like new varnish must be in an uncomfor able state o' mind. Let me be tempted. If my religun am strong nuff to resist I shall have de glory of victory. If I am not, let me ax for forgiveness an' tighter up the bolts and try again. Be good. Respect the church. Reverence true christianity an' try an' foller de teachin's of de good book, but be keerful how you clothe vourselves in an armor, dat will be shivered by the sounds of a fiddle an' fall to the ground at de sight of a circus proceshun. Let us now assault de reg'lar order of bizness.

Indian | assaere in Chinushaa. ALBUQUERQUE, Dec. 7 .- News has been received of a terrible massacre of Americans and Mexicans, by Ju, at Casa Grande, ift Chihuahua. The Indians have been very active, of late, in predator excursions, stealing and raiding, and the settlers formed a party of about twenty men and started in pursuit. They were surprised, nea Casa Grande, by Ju and his band, rumbering 200, and completely surrounded. One of the party escaped through the lines and went to a settlement for aid, soon returning with a banl of thirty men. The Indians held he succoring party at bay, and meanwhile massacred the entire party, which had been surprised, and then retreited towards the moun-

Expert Crit cisms

"Good day, gentlemen." A very nice-looking young me stood in the doorway of the editorial room and gazed in a benign way at the occupants of the apartment. "Would it be possible for me to

"What kind of a story have you

round out," asked the horse reporter,

"It isn't one of those and as Ethel

stood there in the soft moonlight,

her lithe figure sharply outlined

"There is nothing at all about

doughnuts in this story," replied the

visitor very haughtily, "but if you

"Anywhere," replied the horse re-

porter. "Suppose you give us the last sentence of it."

"Oh, never mind about that. We

do all the thinking for young

"For answer Glady's beautiful

eyes dropped, but she gave him both

ner hands, and there, under the

heavy fruited trees, the golden bees

flying all about them, and the air filled with their dreamy monotone,

he drew her upon his breast, and

raising her long ringlets to his lips,

"That's the last sentence, is it?"

"I should hope it was. It makes

me tired to read about such ducks."

"Why, I don't see-" began the

"Of course you den't. Probably

you were the hero of the novel. Did

you ever hear of Thompson's colt?"

concerning the historical animal.

The visitor admitted his ignorance

Well, Thompson's colt," continued

the horse reporter, "was such an

ecernal isliot that he swam across the

river to get a drink. Now, that fel-

low in your story is a dead match

"Probably not. It is not to be ex-

pected of literary people. But I will

tell you. This young fellow, in your

story, is out under an apple tree

"And according to the story, he

"Now, what do you think of a

young man who would go nibbling

around a girl's back hair when she

becile; you cannot get the weight of

"Good day," said the author start

"Make George act like a white man

in your story and come around again."

Starting a Young Man.

phian, who has been dead these many

years, that a young man came to him

one day and asked for help to start in

"Do you drink?" inquired the mil-

"Stop it! stop it for a year and

The young man broke off the habit

"Do you smoke?" asked the great

"Stop it! stop it for a year and

The young man went away and

cut loose from the habit, and after

worrying through another twelve

months once more faced the philan-

"Stop it! stop it for a year and

But the young man ever called

again. When some one asked why

he didn't make one more effort, he

"Didn't I know what he was

driving at? He'd have told me that

as I had stopped chewing, drinking

and smoking, I must have saved money enough to start myself."

He Danced to Perspire.

There is a story of an imperial

evening with an English lady at the

court in Berlin. She naturally felt,

and frankly confessed, herself highly

flattered by the compliment. "I did

the answer. "Then," said the ladv

dancing," was the still unsatisfactory

response. Undeterred by her ill suc-

cess, our fair Englishwoman still

prosecuted her inquiries. "What,

then, may I ask, can be your Im-

perial highness' motive for dancing?"

"Madame," was the exalted person-

age's curt reply,"I dance to perspire."

are about to bring suit against the Sierra Grande Mining Co., Lake Valley, for \$200,.

600 damages, for alleged breach of con-

tsact. Eminent counsel of Santa Fe and

Denver have been retained to conduct the

The people of Silver City openly declare that if the railroad now building to them

is to be made a narrow gauge, they will resist the issuing of the bonds.

Governor Tabor and John E. Wurtzebach

"I detest

be very fond of dancing."

at once, and at the end of a year

It is related of a wealthy Philadel-

-Chicago Tribune.

business.

lionaire

"Ocasionally."

then come and see me."

again presented himself.

"Yes, now and then."

then come and see me."

"Do you chew?"

then come and see me."

"Yes."

replied:

'raised her long ringlets to his lips,

and kissed them reverently.' That

holding a girl's hand, isn't he?"

"I don't understand-

"Yes."

"Certainly.

kissed them reverently."

asked the horse reporter.

"Yes, sir."

The visitor seated himself

like I can read a portion of it."

"I should hardly think ---

authors that come up here."

"Where shall I begin?"

depicted, and---

horse reporter.

"All right."

read as follows:

Congressional Proceedings. HOUSE.

Washington, Dec. 8 .- The bifl for the relief of officers and crew of the monitor who participated in the action with the Merrimec was taken up, and the enacting clause stricken "The story," said the visitor, "is one in which the triumph of love is

Bingham, of Pennsylvania, reported a bill reducing postage to 2 cents, see which was referred SENATE.

Senator Beck called up his politiagainst the western sky, there was a loud crash in Coa telli castle, and cal assessment resolution, and after the girl knew her mother had dropped discussion it was laid over. the doughnut jar' kind of stories, is The senate then resumed the bankit-because that won't do," said the

> Pendleton asked unanimous consent to take up the civil service bill is little and make it the Monday. Vo

WASHINGTON. er is not givin

street car and Mrs. Blaine was there twenty miles from Ring too. They engaged in conversation, four Chinamen, dang that four hers, and blew a retion as governor of Massachusetts of the typnel. After the Butler replied, "Yes, the republication been fixed hinamen compovernor of Massachusetts." He they drilling again and serves a charge went on to explain, in answer to a giant powder which had not explode look of surprise, that he did not credit The head was blown off one and his election to the democrats. He legs of another were torn from was elected because the people of the state were disgusted with republican management. He was the people's governor, and should not forget the act that a majority of the people in Massachusetts were republicans, Night before last Butler dined with the president out at Soldier's home This occasioned some surprise and has deepened the mystery of Butler's movements. I had the matter fully explained to me to-day. Ben has for years made war upon Hoar, and he upon him. Now he has an opportunity to repay Senator Hoar for back courtesies, and he is here in Washington arranging a programme to defeat Hoar before the Massachusetts legislature this winter. Hoar is already very unpopular in Massachusetts. The congressional delegation

Rubbell Interviewed. CHICAGO, Dec. 9 .- The following

does not like him.

interesting interview was had with Jay Hubbell: "Are you in favor of civil service reform?

"Yes, sir, I am in favor of allow ing every man to hold office as long as he likes. Give him his salary as long as he wants it, and when he gets through present him with a chromo.'

"Are you going to abolish the one per cent assessment scheme?"

"That assessment business is no late innovation. It is an evil handed down from the democrats in the days of Jackson. Two years ago I was a bully fellow. Then I made the assessment, and then nobody kicked. I have caught it pretty well right and left from all sides; but time will make all things even.

Rival Telegraph Companies.

ALBANY, Dec. 9 .- P. Greaves, of New York, a stockholder in the Western Union telegraph company, filed application to-day for commencement of action to compel the Western Union to vacate its charter and make its officers resign. The attorney-general wil hear the case December 10. Mr. Greaves is, according to Western Union officials, a clerk in a house of stock brokers, for the Mutual Union, and his application is spite work and prompted by a desire to bear the market. Many of the acts charge! as illegal have already been decided valid.

Strange Fatality.

SANTA BARBARA, Dec. 9 .- Mrs. G. W. Fitzpatrick, whose husband died September 4, was this afternoon in Squires' marble works selecting a headstone for her husband's grave. Her little girl, about five years old, was prying about the marble works, when the mother and Mr. Squires heard a thud and turned to find that the headstone had fallen and crushed the little one's skull. Death is momentarily expected. The mother's grief was so heart-rending that physicians administered chloral and ren-

dered her unconscious. Lapsed Rattrond Lands

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 .- The secre tary of the interior has declined to adopt the recommendation of the commissioner of the general land office looking to the institution of suits to vacate patents is-sued to the Southern Pacific railroad company for lands in Los Angeles district, Calafornia. It appears the lands have been sold by the railroad company, and after consideration of facts the secretary says he is of the opinion that neither justice nor good policy requires the government to disturb the title conferred.

highness waltzing thrice in the same Tariff Commission Report. elicited many expressions of approval of the reports of the tariff not intend it as a compliment," was commission, and strengthned the im. Arizona. pression that their recommendations somewhat upset, "your highness must will be likely to receive the support of most Republicans. Democrats express themselves as favoring the recommendations in general.

Committee Cullings.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 .- The house committee on foreign affairs has induced Mr. Kasson, who has charge of the Nicaruaga canal bill, to urge upon the house its consideration at an early day.

The postoffice committee of the house to-day agreed to a favorable report on the bill introduced last session to reduce letter postage to two

cents after January 1, 1883. Appointments.

WASHINGTON, Dee. 9 .- The fol-

Oregon; Fran of the land office tana, Charles Ale the land office at reason to believe-Christmas Derby w se changes ma

No. 1, O. & C. rail

Louislana Lynching BASTROP, La., Drc. 9 .- Wednes-

day night the jail doors were broken down by a body of men, and Tom Robinson and Bill Cephas were taken out and hanged. Public opinion is in sympathy with the lynchers. Last Saturday a negro named

Wester Andrews endeavored to kill a white man named McDowell, three miles from Bastrop. The negro was captured, and it is reported lynched.

Plans Changed. Washington, Dec. 8 .- It is re-

ported that the engineers of the Panama canal have made a radical change in their plan of operations. The intention of the projectors was to make a sea level canal from one ocean to another, without docks of any kind. Information new comes out that they have found it impossible in overcome the difficulties.

Boiler Explosion. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9 .- This afernoon the boiler of the Bay View distillery, corner of Eighteenth avenue and H street, South San Francisco, exploded and injured four men employed about the works. One was seriously hurt. The explosion set fire to the building, but the fire was soon

Marine Mishap.

LONDON, Dec. 9 .- Lloyds' agent at sebastopol reports that during the late gale several marine casualties happened in the Black sea. Fears are entertained for the safety of the Russian war ship Yugai, bound from Sebastopol to Nicotaieff, as she is much overdue.

A Ghowly Spectacle.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 9 .- In a free colored cemetery in the suburbs are at least four layers of dead in the tially buried, many uncoffined, and dogs have been feasting on the remains for many years. Portions of the bodies have been dragged to neighboring farm houses.

Railroad Difficulties. NEW YORK, Dec. 9 .- The Northvestern railroad difficulties have been referred to a committee composed of one representative from each road, and the meeting adjourn-

ed until Monday. . Steamers Foundered.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9 .- The tug

George W. Childs and the steam yacht Idlehour foundered off Hatteras in the storm of Nov. 23d,on board were lost. Dutch Deteated.

London, Dec. 9 .- A Hague telegram from Achien reports the troops supported by the Dutch fleet repulsed by the Rajah of Passaugan, with heavy loss to the latter.

Jury Disagreed.

DUBLIN, Dec. 9 .- The jury in the case of Patrick Higgins, on trial as the principal murderer of the two Huddys, failed to agree. Higgins will be placed on trial again Monday.

Gambetta's Condition

Paris, Dec. 9 .- The condition of Gambetta is less favorable. !Iemorrhage is apprehended.

Unfounded Rumor. NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 9 .- The yacht Idle Hour and the tug Geo. W. Childs are safe.

Cinched by a Wild Cat.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 .- John S. Alexander has brought suit in the supreme court against Mrs. Cynthia Washington, Dec. 9 .- Talks with A. Shillaber to recover \$25,000, Republican, representatives to-day which he claims he paid for oneeighth interest in the Silver Prince mine, in the Peck mining district,

Insurance Losses.

London, Dec. 9 .- The heaviest losses among insurance companies by the fire Thursday night are the North British and Mercantile, £80,000; Commercial Union, £50,000; Phenix, £45,000; Royal Exchange, £42,000.

A Barbarone Edict. St. Petersburg, Dec. 9 .- The

prefect has ordered the police to expel all Jews residing within the city, with or without official permission.

Fatal Quarrel,

Мемриіs, Dec. 9.—Two guarda killed each other at the convict farm Thursday night during a quarrel.

EDINBURGH, Dec. 9 .- Sir Hugh owing appointments were sent to Allen died suddenly this morning.